

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please accept the following amended claims. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 5, 7, 8, and 15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 16-24 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Listing of claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* A method of caching information relating to a set of data items, comprising:

providing a first memory storing a set of data items; wherein information of each of the data items is categorized into hierarchical levels;

in a first retrieval operation, retrieving from the first memory and storing into a second memory only a first hierarchical level of information corresponding to at least one of the data items, wherein the first hierarchical level of information comprises at least one identifier for uniquely identifying each of the at least one of the data items; and

in a second retrieval operation separate from the first retrieval operation, retrieving from the first memory and storing into the second memory only a second hierarchical level of information corresponding to the at least one of the data items, wherein the second hierarchical level of information comprises metadata for the at least one of the data items.

2. *(Previously presented)* The method of caching information recited in claim 1, wherein the data items are electronic data files.

3. *(Previously presented)* The method of caching information recited in claim 2, wherein the electronic data files are electronic mail message data files.

4. *(Currently amended)* The method of caching information recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~first level of hierarchical information~~ is at least one identifier for uniquely identifying each of the at least one of the data items is selected to comprise a UIDL identifier.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The method of caching information recited in claim 1 5, wherein the metadata includes one or more data selected from the group consisting of: a title of the at least one of the data items, a subject of the at least one of the data items, an author of the at least one of the data items, and a size of the at least one of the data items.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method of caching information relating to a set of data items, comprising: The method of caching information recited in claim 1, further including:
in a first retrieval operation, retrieving and storing into a memory only a first hierarchical level of information corresponding to at least one of the data items;
in a second retrieval operation separate from the first retrieval operation, retrieving and storing into the memory only a second hierarchical level of information corresponding to the at least one of the data items; and
in a third retrieval operation separate from the first and second retrieval operations, retrieving and storing into the memory only a third hierarchical level of information corresponding to the at least one of the data items.

10. (Previously presented) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, wherein the third level of hierarchical information is content for each of the at least one of the data items.

11. (Previously presented) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, wherein the third level of hierarchical information is an attachment to each of the at least one of the data items.

12. (*Previously presented*) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, further including:

in a fourth retrieval operation separate from the first, second and third retrieval operations, retrieving and storing into the memory only a fourth hierarchical level of information corresponding to the at least one of the data items.

13. (*Currently amended*) The method of caching information recited in claim 9 12, wherein the fourth level of hierarchical information is an attachment to each of the at least one of the data items.

14. (*Currently amended*) A method of caching information relating to a set of data items, comprising: The method of caching information recited in claim 1,

in a first retrieval operation, retrieving and storing into a memory only a first hierarchical level of information corresponding to at least one of the data items; and

in a second retrieval operation separate from the first retrieval operation, retrieving and storing into the memory only a second hierarchical level of information corresponding to the at least one of the data items, wherein the first retrieval operation is initiated in response to receiving a first trigger, and the second retrieval operation is initiated in response to receiving a second trigger different from the first trigger; and

wherein at least one of the first trigger and the second trigger is a predictive indicator predicting a user's preferences for retrieving information from the set of data items.

15. (*Cancelled*)

Please add the following new claims:

16. (*New*) The method of caching information recited in claim 1, wherein the first memory corresponds to a user's regular electronic mail account, and the second memory corresponds to a user's portable electronic mail account.

17. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, wherein the set of data items are stored in a memory associated with a user's regular electronic mail account, and the first, second and third retrieval operations comprise storing the first, second and third hierarchical levels of information in a memory associated with a user's portable electronic mail account.

18. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 14, wherein the set of data items are stored in a memory associated with a user's regular electronic mail account, and the first and second retrieval operations comprise storing the first and second hierarchical levels of information in a memory associated with a user's portable electronic mail account.

19. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 14, wherein the user's preference for retrieving information is based on retrieving electronic mail messages authored by a particular person.

20. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 14, wherein the user's preference for retrieving information is based on a number of unopened electronic mail messages.

21. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 14, wherein the data items are file directory information.

22. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 14, wherein the data items are electronic mail message data files.

23. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, wherein the data items are file directory information.

24. (New) The method of caching information recited in claim 9, wherein the data items are electronic mail message data files.